

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

**Houston Lighting & Power Company,
City Public Service Board of San
Antonio, Central Power and Light
Company, City of Austin, Texas; South
Texas Project, Units 1 and 2;
Environmental Assessment and
Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the Commission's regulations at 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J to Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) acting on behalf of itself and for the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), Central Power and Light Company (CPL), and City of Austin, Texas (COA) (the licensees), for operation of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would grant an exemption from a requirement of Section III.D.3 of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, which requires that Type C tests shall be performed during each reactor shutdown for refueling but in no case at intervals greater than 2 years. This exemption would allow the licensee to perform the required Type C tests while the plant is at power.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated May 25, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Section III.D.3 of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 states that Type C tests shall be performed during each reactor shutdown for refueling but in no case at intervals greater than 2 years. However, the licensee states that during shutdown, resources are at a premium. The licensee, therefore, desires the option to perform Type C testing at times other than during shutdown. The proposed exemption would allow the option to perform Type C testing at power. Minimal safety benefit would be realized by only performing the Type C tests during each reactor shutdown for refueling because the conditions of the testing are the same regardless of when it is performed. Without this exemption, the licensee would not be allowed to reduce an unintentional regulatory burden that has minimal impact on safety.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption would not significantly increase the probability or amount of expected containment leakage, and that containment integrity would thus be maintained.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2," dated August 1986.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 5, 1995, the staff consulted with the Texas State official, Arthur C. Tate of the Bureau of Radiation Control, Texas Department of Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of no Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes

that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated May 25, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wharton County Junior College, J.M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of August 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Reactor Regulation.*

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**Nuclear Safety Research Review
Committee**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) will hold its next meeting on September 25-26, 1995. The location of the meeting will be in Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North (TWFN) Building, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

The meeting will be held in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and will be open to public attendance. The NSRRC provides advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) on matters of overall management importance in the direction of the NRC's program of nuclear safety research. The main purposes of this meeting are (a) to review the NRC's current safety research program plans and priorities based on user needs; (b) to discuss the nature and role of regulatory safety research in support of NRC regulatory responsibility; and (c) to discuss the NSRRC role in items (a) and (b).

The planned schedule is:

Monday, September 25

9:30-9:45 Introductory remarks

9:45-12:00 Nature and role of NRC
research

1:15-5:30 Continued discussion on the
nature and role of NRC research

Tuesday, September 26

8:30–12:00 Role and functions of the NSRRC

1:15–3:30 Continued discussion on the role and functions of the NSRRC

3:30–4:30 Plans for subsequent meetings

Participants in parts of the discussion will include NRC staff as necessary.

Members of the public may file written statements regarding any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members of the public may also make requests to speak at the meeting, but permission to speak will be determined by the Committee chairperson in accordance with procedures established by the Committee. A verbatim transcription will be made of the NSRRC meeting and a copy of the transcript will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room in Washington, DC.

Any inquiries regarding this notice, any subsequent changes in the status and schedule of the meeting, the filing of written statements, requests to speak at the meeting, or for the transcript, may be made to the Designated Federal Officer, Dr. Jose Luis M. Cortez (telephone: 301–415–6596), between 8:15 am and 5:00 pm.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of August, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Andrew L. Bates,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Pennsylvania Power and Light Company; Correction

The March 29, 1995, **Federal Register** contained a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing," for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station. This notice corrects the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 1995, (60 FR 16192). The second sentence of the description section should read as follows: Specifically, for the refueling floor exhaust duct and wall exhaust duct radiation monitors, the proposed change would modify the applicable operational condition during specific control rod testing evolutions which are core alterations and would indicate that the operability requirement change does not apply during shutdown margin demonstrations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of August 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Biweekly Notice

Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from August 4, 1995, through August 18, 1995. The last biweekly notice was published on August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42597).

Notice Of Consideration Of Issuance Of Amendments To Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, And Opportunity For A Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By September 29, 1995, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW.,